



March 7, 2014

Via ECFS

Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Cim Tel Cable;
Expression of Interest in Rural Broadband Experiments**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I'm pleased to present Cim Tel's expression of interest in the rural broadband experiments¹. We are excited about the opportunity to participate in this unique program. Below, we outline basic information about our proposed project.

Project Overview. We have identified several rural areas near our existing footprint in Northern Oklahoma that are currently unserved by broadband. We aim to change that by building a fiber-to-the-home network capable of providing next-generation, IP-based services that, without support, would be cost-prohibitive to provide in these areas.

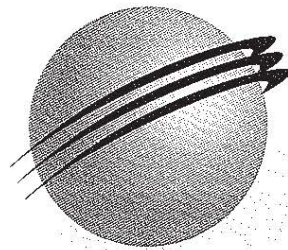
About Cim Tel. Cim Tel is a cable operator, operating IPTV and RF cable systems in rural communities in Northern and Central Oklahoma. Cim Tel is also an internet service provider and has a CLEC certification.

In addition, Cim Tel's affiliates—who share managerial, operational, and personnel resources with Cim Tel—operate broadband networks in several additional communities in rural Eastern and Central Oklahoma. Our management team has over 15 years of experience working together to deploy broadband networks and provide broadband internet to rural areas and small towns.

Our proposed project. We propose to serve the census blocks within the tracts identified on the attached exhibit, with a robust fiber-to-the-home network. The blocks are largely composed of rural communities in areas with low population density, making it costly to build broadband networks. All of the blocks are in Tribal areas.

Our preliminary plans involve passing nearly every location within each block. We would also serve all schools, libraries, city and county fire stations, police stations, and other government buildings, as well as hospitals and other health care facilities.

¹ *In the Matter of Technology Transitions*, GN Docket No. 13-5, WC Docket No. 10-90 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).



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up to 100 Mbps initially, with the possibility of scaling up to 1 Gbps over time. Bundled pricing for the services would likely be in the neighborhood of \$159/month.

Further, for some areas, we are evaluating a joint project with an affiliated wireless carrier to offer a combination of wireless and wired services.

State, local, Tribal government support. Part of the project would pass the Native American Tribal government buildings. We plan to initiate discussions with the tribes to determine how we can best serve their communities, including through partnership opportunities with the tribes. Moreover, we plan to work with local governments for expedited permitting and right-of-way access.

Funding estimates. Based on our experience with FTTH builds in other areas, we expect the project to require approximately \$9.7 million in one-time support.

In closing, we are excited about the opportunity to participate in the rural broadband experiments and look forward to hearing more details in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Gene Baldwin
Vice President

**Exhibit
Census Tracts**

County	Tract ID
Creek	40037020101
	40037020103
	40037020601
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	40037020704
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	40037020707
	40037020800
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Lincoln	40081961100
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	40081961400
	40081961500
	40081961600
Osage	40113940001
	40113940002
	40113940003
	40113940004
	40113940005
	40113940007
	40113940008
	40113940009
	40113940010
	40113940011
Pawnee	40117957100
	40117957200
	40117957300
	40117957400
	40117957500

County	Tract ID
Atoka	40005587600
	40005587700
	40005587800
	40005587900
Coal	40029388100
	40029388200
Hughes	40063484600
	40063484700
	40063484800
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Lincoln	40081961100
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Pontotoc	40123088700
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Pottawatomie	40125500200
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